

The Westminster Police Department would like to remind drivers and pedestrians to be extra careful when a new school year starts. We are asking students to be extra cautious when walking to and from school. Here are a few tips:

TIPS FOR WALKERS

- Pay special attention to all traffic signals and crossing guards.
- Never cross the street against a red light, even if you don't see any traffic coming.
- Wear reflective clothing and bright colors so drivers can see you easier.
- Plan a safe walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and if possible, with intersections that have traffic controls, such as crossing guards, traffic lights, or stop signs.
- Advise children to arrive early for buses, stay out of the street, and to wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching the street.
- Teach your children to pay attention to traffic even as they cross the street.

TIPS FOR DRIVERS

Drivers need to be very aware when school is back in session. Children will be walking to and from schools and bus stops during early morning and afternoon hours.

- Slow down when entering school zones and in neighborhoods directly adjacent to schools.
- Be extra careful anytime you see a school bus, knowing that there are children who are boarding or exiting the bus.
- When driving your children to school, deliver and pick them up as close to the school as possible. Don't leave until they are safely on school grounds.
- Never stop in the traffic lanes to drop off or pick up your child from school.
- Drive slowly when approaching children riding bicycles and walking near the street.